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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action of August 10, 2006.

The claims of the application (claims 3-16 and 23-25) remain rejected as obvious over Winston et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,623,536). In support of the rejection,